MINUTES OF REGULAR
LOGAN EAST RURAL WATER SYSTEM
ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
7:00 p.m. Monday, November 9, 2026
LOGAN EAST RURAL WATER SYSTEM OFFICE – OAKLAND, NE

The regular meeting of the Logan East Rural Water System Advisory Committee was called to order by Ron Dierking-chairman on Monday, November 9, 2026. The Publication of the Nebraska Open Meeting Act information was printed in the Burt County Independent on November 5, 2026, and is posted by the entrance door.

Rollcall was taken with 7 committee members present. Present: Dam, Dierking, Frederick, Hagerbaumer, Johnson, Kruger and Tobin. Absent: Fehrer and Peterson. Rollcall of the Lower Elkhorn NRD appointed members Present: Gary Loftis and Brian Bruckner, LENRD General Mgr. Absent: Roger Gustafson.

Johnson made the motion and was seconded by Kruger to adopt the agenda. Aye: Dam, Dierking, Frederick, Hagerbaumer, Johnson, Kruger and Tobin. Nay: None. Absent: Fehrer and Peterson. Motion carried.

Public comment: None.

Pearson read the minutes of the regular meeting on October 12, 2026, and were approved. Aye: Dam, Dierking, Frederick, Hagerbaumer, Johnson, Kruger and Tobin. Nay: None. Absent: Fehrer and Peterson. Motion carried.

Finance Reports were reviewed & approved. Discussion held. Seventy-five accounts still owe for their September 2026 water bill, 23 accounts of the 75 are 31-60 days past due. All 23 customers were sent disconnect letters and as of meeting time six customers are still past due.

Discussion was held on the agreement between Logan East Rural Water and Keith Anderson regarding the use of his tractor as a backup in case of a power outage at well #3. Hagerbaumer made the motion to renew the agreement between Logan East Rural Water and Keith Anderson for the use of his tractor(s) for $300.00 plus the sum of $50.00 per hour while such tractor(s) are in use at the well for the 2027 calendar year. Tobin second. Roll call vote was taken. Aye: Dam, Dierking, Frederick, Hagerbaumer, Johnson, Kruger and Tobin. Nay: none. Absent: Fehrer and Peterson. Motion passed.

Manager Blahak informed the Advisory Committee he spoke with Malacki DeHann of Micro-Comm regarding the progress of programming the wells for blending. DeHann informed Blahak the progress is slow and hopes to begin work on the project in late November or early December.

Bruckner reminded the Advisory Committee of the email he sent to each member regarding the $1,535,000 grant awarded to the NRD to help finance the Village of Craig Regionalization Project. Bruckner informed the Advisory Committee he will be attending the Village of Craig meeting on November 11, 2026, to provide a status update on funding availability and a timeline for next steps. Bruckner has been made aware that there are still unanswered questions and/or differences of opinion regarding a connection to Logan East Rural Water System from some members of the Village Board. Bruckner also informed the Advisory Committee that legal counsel is still reviewing the contracts for the City of Oakland and Village of Craig expansion project.

Pearson presented the Advisory Committee with information regarding a possible rate increase for the upcoming year. A lengthy discussion was held about the current rate structure and possible rates of increase.

Bruckner advised the Advisory Committee that funding institutions scrutinize the rate structure of a water system when considering the allocation of funding for any future projects. Discussion was held and no action was taken on this matter.

Blahak gave the Manager's Report. See attached copy.

Bruckner informed the Advisory Committee the terms of the following board members will be expiring January 1, 2027, and he will be speaking with these members about serving another three-year term: Ron Dierking, Brian Hagerbaumer and Mark Peterson.

The next meeting will be December 14, 2026, at 7:00 p.m. at the LERWS office in Oakland.
Having no further business, Dierking adjourned the meeting at 8:21 p.m.

We, the Logan East Rural Water System Advisory Committee, recommend that the Lower Elkhorn NRD accept these minutes.

I, Kathy Pearson, the undersigned acting secretary of the Logan East Rural Water System Advisory Committee, hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the proceedings by the Advisory Committee on November 9, 2026.

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Others present: Shawn Blahak and JJ Johansen, LERWS employee.